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## Newsletter – 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021

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**We wish all our families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all of us at St Andrew's.**

### **Nativity Bags**

As part of our Collective Worship, the children have been learning about the Nativity story and its importance to Christians around the World.

This week, children from Reception to Year 6 will bring home a 'Nativity Bag', full of prompts to help them re-tell the Christmas story, eg some straw to represent the stable, cotton wool to represent the sheep. They will be very excited to share 'The Greatest Story Ever Told' to you and other members of their family over the Christmas period.

### **Message from Rev Steve Bate: Friday, 24 December at 4.30 pm, The Big Nativity**

Every Christmas Eve, at St Andrew's Church at 4.30 pm, we hold our crib service called 'The Big Nativity'. We invite families who attend to come with their children dressed as angels, kings or shepherds.

The focus of the service is a Nativity tableau on a stage at the front of the church. Some children from the school and the Toddler group have volunteered for this but we still have some roles to fill. Please contact me on 842609 or email [rectorhightrees@btinternet.com](mailto:rectorhightrees@btinternet.com) if you have a child who would like to be: Mary, Joseph, a shepherd, a king.

With best wishes from  
Rev Steve.

### **Christmas Crackers for the Children's Christmas Lunch**



As in previous years, to make the children's Christmas lunch a real festive occasion we are asking for donations of Christmas crackers. Christmas lunch is next Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> December.

Please leave cracker donations at the school office. Thank you.

## Winter Agency's Winter Mini Challenge

We are delighted to announce that the Reading Agency's Winter Mini Challenge is LIVE. This fun challenge encourages children to keep up their reading habits over the Christmas holidays. To take part, children simply read three books or more - these can be any books of their choice. They can be their own books or books from the library. To register, please visit: [www.readingagency.co.uk](http://www.readingagency.co.uk).



## Flu Immunisation

The school nursing came in to carry out flu vaccinations last Monday. A letter has gone home to all children who missed their Flu nasal spray with advice on making an appointment for the flu vaccine. If you need further information please contact Vaccination UK Immunisation Team on 01462 341173 to find your nearest immunisation catch-up clinic/book an appointment.

## Applying for a Place in Reception Class for September 2022

The Hertfordshire County Council deadline for applications to start Reception Class in September 2022 is Saturday, 15 January 2021. Apply online at [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions)

## \*Winter HAPpy Camps

East Herts Everyone Active are running HAPpy holiday Camps over the Christmas period at Grange paddocks and are free to children in receipt of benefit related free school meals. Please see details below:

 **Grange Paddocks LC**

 **8-11 year olds**

 **22 & 23 Dec**

 **27/28/29/30 Dec**

 **3 & 4 Jan**

To book link below ↓

<http://sportinherts.org.uk/happy/booking>

 **Camps are FREE to children in receipt of benefits related free school meals** 

## Diary Dates

w/c Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021 – The Reluctant Dragon virtual pantomime for all children

Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021 – KS1 Nativity Play for Year 1 Parents at 5.30 pm

Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021 – KS1 Nativity Play for Year 2 Parents at 5.30 pm

Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021 – EYFS Christmas with Puddles and Rev Freddie Fisher starts at 10.30 am (outside event so wrap up warm)

Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch

Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Party Day

Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021 – Last day of Term with KS2 Carols Around the Tree at 1.30pm and **school finishes at 2.00 pm**

Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> January – Return to school

Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022 - SATs

Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022 – Year 6 Brenscombe Residential Trip

*Please be aware that these dates and events may be subject to change.*

### **Term Dates for 2021/2022**

<b>Autumn Term 2021</b>	
<i>Wednesday, 1 September 2021</i>	<i>Inset - school closed</i>
<b>Thursday, 2 September 2021</b>	<b>Term begins</b>
Monday, 25 October to Friday, 29 October 2021	Half term
<i>Monday, 1 November 2021</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Friday, 26 November 2021	Occasional day – school closed
<b>Friday, 17 December 2021</b>	<b>Term ends 2pm</b>
<b>Spring Term 2022</b>	
<b>Tuesday, 4 January 2022</b>	<b>Term begins</b>
Monday, 14 February to Friday, 18 February 2022	Half term
<b>Friday, 1 April 2022</b>	<b>Term ends 2pm</b>
<b>Summer Term 2022</b>	
<i>Tuesday, 19 April 2022</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
<b>Wednesday, 20 April 2022</b>	<b>Term begins</b>
Monday, 30 May to Friday, 3 June 2022	Half term
<i>Monday, 6 June 2022</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
<b>Wednesday 20 July 2022</b>	<b>Term ends 2pm</b>
<b>Thursday 21 July 2022</b>	<b>Inset – school closed</b>
<b>Friday 22 July 2022</b>	Day in lieu of additional Bank Holiday

### **Term Dates for 2022/2023**

<b>Autumn Term 2022</b>	
<i>Thursday, 1 September 2022</i>	<i>Inset - school closed</i>
<i>Friday, 2 September 2022</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
<b>Monday, 5 September 2022</b>	<b>Term begins</b>
Monday, 24 October 2022 – Friday, 28 October 2022	Half Term
<i>Friday, 25 November 2022</i>	<i>Occasional day – school closed</i>
<b>Wednesday, 21 December 2022</b>	<b>Term ends 2pm</b>
<b>Spring Term 2023</b>	
<i>Thursday, 5 January 2023</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
<i>Friday, 6 January 2023</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
<b>Monday, 9 January 2023</b>	<b>Term begins</b>
Monday, 13 February 2023 – Friday, 17 February 2023	Half Term
<b>Friday, 31 March 2023</b>	<b>Term ends 2pm</b>
<b>Summer Term 2023</b>	
<b>Monday, 17 April 2023</b>	<b>Term begins</b>
Monday, 29 May 2023 – Friday, 2 June 2023	Half Term
<i>Monday, 5 June 2023</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
<b>Friday, 21 July 2023</b>	<b>Term ends 2pm</b>

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Contact email for the Friends of St Andrew's School:

[friendsofstandrewsmh@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofstandrewsmh@gmail.com)

## School Noticeboard



The inaugural 'Rocking Around the Christmas Tree' event is taking place again in the heart of Bishop's Stortford on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> December**.

This is going to be a family event with everyone invited to come along and sing some Christmas favourites!

Attendees are encouraged to bring along sleigh bells, donations for the collection buckets (we are collecting for the foodbank and night shelter) and a torch.

Warm dress is also advised, and Santa hats are encouraged.

This is a local event organised by the local Bishop's Stortford community.

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**BISHOP'S STORTFORD COMMUNITY FOOTBALL CLUB**

**GIRLS' FOOTBALL SCHOOL YEAR 2,3,4,5 & 6**

**FREE TRAINING FOR 6 WEEKS WITH NO OBLIGATION**

**FULLY QUALIFIED F.A COACHES**

**SESSIONS RUN FOR 6 WEEKS 10-11am**

5th, 12th & 19th DEC 2021  
and  
9th, 16th and 23rd Jan 2022

**VENUE: BIRCHWOOD HIGH SCHOOL ASTRO (3G) PITCH PARSONAGE LANE, BISHOP'S STORTFORD**

TO REGISTER PLEASE EMAIL [nana.brown@bscfc.co.uk](mailto:nana.brown@bscfc.co.uk) INCLUDING YOUR CHILD'S NAME, SCHOOL AND CURRENT YEAR

**BARCLAYS GIRLS' FOOTBALL SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS**  
BY ENGLAND FOOTBALL

PLAYERS OF ALL STANDARDS WELCOME

**#LetGirlsPlay**

**Here's your invitation** to book fun filled school holidays!

Hertfordshire's Holiday Activity Programme **HAPpy**

**22nd December to 4th January**

HAPpy Camps are free and lots of fun!  
At camps you can try new sports, eat tasty food, craft, create and meet new friends.

**Camps are free to children**

- ✓ aged 5 to 16,
- ✓ attending school in Hertfordshire, and
- ✓ in receipt of benefits related free school meals

Get your unique HAPpy Booking Code from your child's school to access any of the camps.

**Book online from 6th December**

[www.sportinherts.org.uk/happy/booking](http://www.sportinherts.org.uk/happy/booking)

In partnership with: **HCF** Hertfordshire **sports**